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SUBJECT: SOVIET CLASSIFIED PRESS SUMMARY - NOVEMBER 12

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

--A MAJOR MAYEVSKIY ARTICLE IN PRAVDA ON ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY (SEPTTEL);
--PRAVDA ANNOUNCES RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENT ANGOLA WITH NETO AS PRESIDENT (SEPTTEL);
--PRAVDA ANNOUNCES "SUSPENSION OF RELATIONS" WITH UGANDA;
--SCHEEL VISIT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE FAVORABLE COVERAGE WITH FOCUS ON HIS TALKS WITH BREZHNEV, THOUGH PRAVDA BEGINNING TO FOLLOW PARALLEL WITH THE GISCARD VISIT IN REPORTING WEST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY AND WEST GERMAN "WORKING CLASS" DISCONTENT;
--ALL CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS SENATE RATIFICATION OF THE ABM PROTOCOL;
--PRAVDA ANNOUNCES LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN MOSCOW, MEETING WITH KOSYGIN;
--PRAVDA REPORTS UNGA PASSAGE OF THE ZIONISM/RACISM RESOLUTION, WITH KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CHASTIZING THE U.S. FOR VOTING AGAINST IT; SAME ITEMS REPORT ON PASSAGE OF ONLY ONE OF THE TWO PALESTINIAN RESOLUTIONS;
--IZVESTIYA, REPORTING ON SADAT CONSULTATION WITH EGYPTIAN LEADERS AFTER RETURN FROM HIS RECENT TRAVELS, CONTINUES SOVIET PORTRAYAL OF SADAT AS ON THE ROAD TO FORSAKING NASSER'S SOCIALIST ACHIEVEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA (NOV 12) REPORTS THAT BECAUSE OF "UNFRIENDLY ACTIONS" TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION AND THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA, AND THE EXISTENCE OF A SITUATION "WHICH PREVENTS THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY," THE USSR HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND TEMPORARILY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH UGANDA.
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THE ANNOUNCEMENT ADDS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HOPES THAT, WITH TIME, CONDITIONS WILL CHANGE SO THAT "NORMAL RELATIONS" CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE CAN BE REESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. SCHEEL VISIT. PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES BREZHNEV'S RECEPTION YESTERDAY OF SCHEEL AND GENSCHER. BRIEF REPORT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS CONVEYS LITTLE HARD INFORMATION, BUT

TONE IS GLOSSY AND FAVORABLE, WITH EMPHASIS ON PROGRESS MADE IN BILATERAL RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS AND ROSY PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER ADVANCES. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY BETWEEN SCHEEL/GENSCHER AND PODGORNYY/GROMYKO, NOTING THAT TALKS CENTERED ON "FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF DETENTE IN PERIOD AFTER CSCE." REPORT CONTINUES THAT "BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO PROMOTE IN ALL WAYS POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO THIS END ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS." PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS PRESENCE IN THE SOVIET UNION NOVEMBER 3-11 OF A WEST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY DELEGATION HEADED BY H. LANG. ITEM NOTES THAT MEETINGS WERE HELD BY THE DELEGATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU, BUT GIVES LITTLE FURTHER INFORMATION ON ITS ACTIVITIES. PRAVDA ALSO NOTES SPD PARTEITAG IN DORTMUND, EMPHASIZING WORKER DISCONTENT WITH THAT PARTY'S MITBESTIMMUNG STAND AND VETTER STATEMENT THAT WEST GERMAN ENTREPRENEURS USING ECONOMIC CRISIS FOR "BROAD OFFENSIVE AGAINST SOCIAL GAINS OF THE WORKING CLASS." COMMENT. THE SCHEEL VISIT COVERAGE IS FOLLOWING THE PATTERN SET BY THE GISCARD VISIT. THE STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONSHIP IS TREATED WARMLY, BUT COLLATERAL COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN THE FRG AND DKP ACTIVITIES ESTABLISHES SOVIET FIDELITY TO THE "PROGRESSIVE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS." WE ASSUME THAT SCHEEL AND GENSCHER PROBABLY DID DISCUSS BASKET III ISSUES IN THEIR MEETING WITH PODGORNYY AND GROMYKO, AND WILL BE REPORTING ON THAT AS SOON AS WE HAVE A READ-OUT FROM OUR FRG COLLEAGUES.

4. ABM PROTOCOL RATIFICATION. CENTRAL PRESS NEWSPAPERS ANNOUNCE RATIFICATION OF THE ABM PROTOCOL BY THE SENATE. IDENTICAL ITEMS REPORT THE SENATE ACTION WITHOUT COMMENT AND WITHOUT NOTING FACT THAT 15 VOTES CAST AGAINST, ADDING ONLY A BRIEF AND FACTUAL EXPLANATION OF NEGOTIATING HISTORY OF THE PROTOCOL.

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5. LIBYA. PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES RECEPTION YESTERDAY BY KOSYGIN OF LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER DOURDA. REPORT STATES THAT DOURDA HANDED KOSYGIN A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM JALLUD TO BREZHNEV, AND CONTINUES THAT DURING THE MEETING "FURTHER CONSOLIDATION" OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WAS DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS "BROADENING OF COMPREHENSIVE COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE TWO STATES. "INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST" WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. COMMENT: IN SOVIET PRACTICE THE WORD "COMPREHENSIVE (VSESTORONNOE)" BEFORE "COOPERATION" IS OFTEN AN INDICATION THAT THAT COOPERATION EXTENDS TO MILITARY AID--SO POSSIBLE FURTHER ARMS AID/SALES TO LIBYA MAY HAVE BEEN A TOPIC IN THE TALKS. END COMMENT.

6. ZIONISM RESOLUTION. PRAVDA REPORTS PASSAGE BY THE UNGA OF THE ZIONISM/RACISM RESOLUTION BY AN "OVERWHELMING

MAJORITY". REPORT CONTINUES THAT "DESPITE DESPERATE RESISTANCE OF ISRAEL AND ITS PATRONS", VOTE WAS PASSED 72-35-32. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, HOWEVER, ADDS THAT "AMONG THE COUNTRIES VOTING AGAINST THE RESOLUTION WAS THE USA." IT EXPLAINS THAT DURING DISCUSSION OF THE RESOLUTION "A NUMBER OF U.S. PRESS ORGANS" AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS "THREATENED THE UN" IN ORDER TO IMPEDE PASSAGE. PASSAGE NOW INDICATES, KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CONTINUES, THE COLLAPSE OF EFFORTS BY "ZIONISTS AND THEIR PATRONS" TO BLOCK INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THIS "IMPORTANT DOCUMENT". PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS, IN SAME ITEM NOTED ABOVE, THAT A FEW HOURS EARLIER THE UNGA APPROVED A RESOLUTION DEFENDING "THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE". REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF RELATED RESOLUTION ON PLO PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

7. SADAT TRIP REPORT. IZVESTIYA IN A SIGNED REPORT FROM CAIRO SAYS THAT SADAT MET WITH LEADING EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS TO REPORT ON RECENT TRIP TO WESTERN NATIONS. REPORT CLAIMS THAT SADAT SAID THAT THE "MAIN RESULT" OF HIS TALKS IN THOSE COUNTRIES WAS TO "BREAK DOWN THE BARRIER" BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE LEADING CAPITALIST STATES. IZVESTIYA SAYS THAT SADAT HOPES THAT A "FLOW OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT" WILL RESULT FROM HIS OPEN DOORS POLICY. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE CONTINUES RECENT SOVIET IMPLICATIONS THAT SADAT IS TURNING EGYPT AWAY FROM NASSERIST SOCIALIST BEGINNINGS TOWARD SUBSERVIENCE TO CAPITALISM. CONFIDENTIAL

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